

30 years opening his hands to a succession of presidents and secretaries, to legislators, and to health care providers and advocates. Most importantly, Tom Morford opened his hands to the millions of forgotten who are often left in the shadows of our society.

On behalf of my colleagues in the Congress and the millions of Americans who don't know Tom, but who benefit from his work, I say a simply thank you. Thank you, Tom, for opening your hands to lift those most in need. You will be missed.

Mr. SPECTER. Today I want to salute and thank Mr. Thomas G. Morford, as he retires from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), after almost 30 years of dedicated service to the American people. As the Ranking Member of the Labor, HHS, and Education Subcommittee on Appropriations, I want to express my gratitude to Tom for the assistance he has provided to our subcommittee over the years. His knowledge of appropriations law and the federal budgetary process, and his willingness to assist my staff has been an invaluable service to the subcommittee. Tom spent many long hours, working under tight deadlines, putting together the President's budget and, in turn, helping our subcommittee complete our appropriations bills. Vital programs like Healthy Start, the National Health Service Corps, Ryan White AIDS programs, and Health Professions—to name a few—have benefited from Tom's tireless efforts.

Tom has been a valued member of the staff at HHS, first in the Office of the Secretary, then with the Health Care Financing Administration, and finally with the Health Resources and Services Administration. My staff and I will miss his presence, guidance, patience, and good humor during the fiscal year 2002 appropriations season and beyond. But, more importantly, the American people are losing a valued and dedicated public servant. Tom is one of those unsung heroes throughout our government who has made it his life's work to help those in need. But today, as Tom leaves us, I want to sing his praises and let all who hear this know what a great loss his departure means to so many of us. I recognize, though, that Tom is embarking on another new and exciting chapter in his life, both personally and professionally. I know that one of Tom's goals is to spend more time with his wife, Gail, and their two daughters, which his retirement will allow him to do. I also know that Tom plans to continue to use his talents and gifts to help others in his new position with Johns Hopkins University. He deserves the very best in these future endeavors and, therefore, today I extend my heartfelt praise, thanks, and best wishes.

CAPTAIN ROBERT E. DOLAN, U.S. NAVY

Mr. WARNER. Madam President, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to the life of one of our servicemen who perished at the Pentagon during the horrific events of 11 September, Navy Captain Robert E. Dolan. During one of my many recent visits to the site where so many tragically lost their lives, I met Captain Dolan's widow, Mrs. Lisa Dolan. As we stood together on the southwest lawn of the Pentagon, we spoke of her husband and of his devotion to his family and the Navy in which he was so proud to serve. Mrs. Dolan then handed me a copy of a letter of tribute to her husband which she had written. While this letter was written to specifically honor Mrs. Dolan's husband, it could easily apply to many of those who paid the ultimate price on that terrible morning.

Captain Bob Dolan, a 1981 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, was first and foremost, a loving husband and devoted father to his two children. He was also a model Naval officer, having spent nearly half of his 20 year career on sea duty. Captain Dolan served on a variety of surface ships, ranging from the amphibious helicopter carrier, U.S.S. *Inchon*, LPH-12, to the state-of-the-art Aegis cruiser, U.S.S. *Thomas S. Gates*, CG-51, and culminating in his superb command of the destroyer, U.S.S. *John Hancock*, DD-981, with its very appropriate motto, "First for Freedom". His shore tours included time on the staff of the Chairman of the Joints Chiefs of Staff and his exceptional service was recognized with multiple awards, including the Defense Meritorious Service Medal.

I ask unanimous consent that the letter of tribute which Mrs. Dolan wrote to the friends and family of her late husband be printed in the RECORD. I hope it will serve as a reminder to us all of the terrible losses inflicted on this Nation by an unseen and cowardly enemy.

There being no objection, the letter was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

My husband, Captain Robert E. Dolan, and the people who perished along with him at the Pentagon, died as he lived: a hero.

He saw himself as an American with a simple life.

He was a man who saw his duty clearly, and did it unselfishly.

He was a man who knew honor as a badge, and wore it proudly.

He was a man who viewed service as a privilege, and performed it to the best of his ability.

To him, that was a simple life. But Captain Robert E. Dolan was anything but simple. He was a leader of men. He influenced thousands of members of the military family as Commander of the USS *John Hancock*, which has a motto of "First for Freedom." He influenced many more as a fellow citizen, because Bob Dolan was every American. A quiet patriot. A good neighbor. A friend and fellow citizen. You see him every week coaching at

Little League games and chaperoning at school dances. You sit next to him in churches and synagogues. You stand in line with him to vote.

And he was so much more than just a military leader to those who knew him best. He was:

A loving father to his daughter, Rebecca, and son, Beau,

A faithful and devoted husband,

A dutiful and respectful son,

A wonderful brother,

A good and true friend.

Bob Dolan was the best and the brightest this country had to offer to the altar of freedom. That very freedom is an ideal that the rest of the world can only wonder at, and strive to comprehend the magnitude and glory of.

The Americans—both civilian and military—killed and wounded in the past few days under this unwarranted attack, join the ranks of patriots fallen in other conflicts. They are Americans all, and our duty is to remember them as heroes. Let us record that as their tribute. Let history record that as their legacy.

Abraham Lincoln once said: "there is a divinity that shapes our ends." That divinity has now shaped Bob's destiny. Like Lincoln, "he belongs to the ages."

We pray that his rest is peaceful. Although ours cannot be, we rest easy in the memories of an American hero, and many more like him, so very much touched by the hand of God.

Sincerely,

LISA DOLAN

THE AMERICAN SMALL BUSINESS EMERGENCY RELIEF AND RECOVERY ACT

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Madam President, I am proud to have joined last week with the Chairman and Ranking Republican Member of the Senate Small Business and Entrepreneurship Committee, as well as a bipartisan group of my colleagues to cosponsor S. 1499, the American Small Business Emergency Relief and Recovery Act of 2001.

It is no exaggeration to say that small businesses have always solidified the economic foundation of our country. While the Fortune 500 companies make the news, small businesses create most of the jobs and are responsible for much of the economy's growth. When terrorists attacked our country on September 11, there were many unforeseen and unfortunate side-effects. Our economy, which was going through a tough period anyway, suffered a significant blow that day and in the days that followed, and we can only hope that the recovery is rapid and steady. Unfortunately, the adverse effects of the September 11 attacks on many of our Nation's 25 million small businesses may turn out to be even more profound than those sustained by the economy as a whole.

The bipartisan proposal that my colleagues and I have introduced will provide a measure of the critical financial relief necessary to help small businesses recover from the financial losses

and other damages incurred in the days and weeks following the attacks.

Specifically, this emergency legislation will ensure greater stability in the industry by strengthening and expanding access to the Small Business Administration's loans and management counseling. By aiding small businesses in their efforts to meet payments on existing debts, to finance their businesses, and to maintain and create new jobs, this legislation helps entrepreneurs and their employees to remain productive and self-sufficient. This bill attempts to save valuable jobs and resources placed in jeopardy by addressing the decreasing availability of credit and venture capital afforded small businesses by traditional lenders and investors. In an effort to encourage new investment, this measure includes changes to two of SBA's main non-disaster lending programs put in place to facilitate borrowing and lending.

By providing incentives for loans and investment, this bill protects those small businesses directly affected because they are physically located in or near the buildings and areas attacked. Our hearts go out to the businesses and workers in this category, because on top of severe financial hardships, many in this category may have also suffered the loss of loved ones and co-workers.

The bill also targets small businesses directly or indirectly affected because they are suppliers, service providers, or complementary industries to any affected industry. This is the type of assistance that might help small businesses like the Galley Restaurant in the Benedum Airport in Bridgeport, WV. When the FAA shut down commercial aviation for several days in the wake of the attacks, business at the Galley just stopped. Likewise, the bill could help the Mountain State Travel Agency in Clarksburg, WV. In the days after the attacks, Mountain State has seen its business dry up to virtually nothing. It is my hope and belief that this legislation may help the Galley's owner, Beverly Bland, and Mountain State's owner, Maria Elena Oliverio, and the owners of thousands of small businesses in West Virginia and throughout the country, from having to close the doors of their small businesses.

Finally, the bill will provide assistance to small businesses in need of capital and investment financing, procurement assistance or management counseling. The incentives include physical and economic injury disaster loans, reductions in interest rates, and easier approval standards on Guaranteed Business Loans.

Small businesses across our Nation are in great need of economic assistance. The vitality of this sector is of crucial importance to our economy. This bill will allow thousands of working families the opportunity to maintain a reasonable standard of living,

and give small business owners the boost they need to maintain and hopefully grow their businesses.

EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO THE MEXICAN SENATE FOR ITS SUPPORT IN THE FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM

Mr. DODD. Madam President, last week representatives of the Mexican Senate came to the U.S. Senate to meet with legislators and express their support for the U.S.-led effort against terrorism. Mexico has always been a close neighbor and friend to the United States, and the Senators traveled here to ensure us that, in this time of need, our friend and ally Mexico stands by us.

The delegation of Mexican Senators presented the Majority Leader, Mr. DASCHLE, with a letter from Diego Fernandez De Cevallos, the President of the Mexican Senate, which expresses the Mexican Senate's condolences in the aftermath of the tragic events of September 11th. That letter also contained a statement from the entire membership of the Mexican Senate commenting on the attacks and the unique relationship between Mexico and the United States. I think that my colleagues would benefit from seeing these comments in the RECORD.

At times like these every expression of support from our allies is important. However, given the special relationship between the United States and Mexico, it is even more important to see evidence that our allegiance is strong. These letters prove exactly that. I thank the Mexican Senate for their support.

I ask unanimous consent that the letter and statement from the Mexican Senators be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

MEXICO D.F.,
October 2, 2001.

Hon. TOM DASCHLE,
Majority Leader, U.S. Senate, Capitol Building,
Washington DC.

DEAR SENATOR DASCHLE: On the occasion of the visit of a delegation of Mexican Senators to the United States, and in the name of the Senate of the Republic of Mexico, allow me to express to the people and to the Government of the United States, our profound shock and most sincere condolences with respect to the acts of terrorism perpetrated on September 11, 2001 against humanity itself.

It is truly hard to find words adequate to convey the sadness and anguish that all Mexicans feel at the loss of so many innocent lives.

As legislators there are many things we can do together with the U.S. and other Congresses to confront the barbaric threat of terrorism of any kind, as well as the harm that is caused by various forms of fanaticism.

We declare ourselves once again unequivocally in favor of peace, justice, and international solidarity.

I have asked the delegation of Mexican Senators who are visiting your Congress this

week to provide you with a copy of the statement which was made by the Mexican Senate on September 11 in response to that tragic act, which we also provided to his Excellency Ambassador Jeffrey Davidow so that it might be known to the American people and the Government of the United States.

Sincerely,
DIEGO FERNANDEZ DE CEVALLOS,
President of the Mexican Senate.

STATEMENT OF THE MEXICAN SENATE

September 11, 2001.

"The Mexican Senate wishes to express to the Government of the United States of America as well as to all Nations, its most profound sympathy and deep indignation relative to the barbarous acts which today have offended the entire world.

"The Mexican Senate calls upon all men and women of good faith to prevent this tragedy from escalating into an interminable blood bath.

"Let us bring together the governments and peoples of the world to work together to guard against further harm; to scrupulously respect human rights throughout the world; and to build together a peaceful, dignified, and just world for all mankind."

THE U.S. ROLE IN OCEAN EXPLORATION

Mr. AKAKA. Madam President, as we contend with the threats of global terrorism and our national sorrow in the aftermath of September 11th, we must focus on the accomplishments, ideals, and spirit that make America great and look to the future with a renewed sense of resolve and hope. As we engaged in exploring the American continent in the 19th century, and the far reaches of space in the 20th century, we must welcome, in this new century, the challenge of exploring our oceans, the last uncharted frontier. Oceans make up 70 percent of the earth's surface, yet we have characterized less than ten percent of the United States' Exclusive Economic Zone. Within our EEZ, the United States has jurisdiction over more submerged lands than terrestrial lands. Newly charted research voyages and state-of-the-art underwater technology give us the tools we need to make new discoveries to aid us in better understanding this underwater world.

My focus on ocean exploration is timely because the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration celebrated the culmination of two voyages of discovery in Charleston, South Carolina, on October 1, 2001. The "Deep East Expedition" and "Islands in the Stream" projects represent two important steps in revitalizing our exploration of the oceans. Through these journeys, NOAA scientists and their partners are uncovering the ocean's secrets.

The "Deep East Expedition" sailed from Maine to Georgia to investigate the diversity of deep-sea coral beds and gas hydrate communities that may contain new energy resources. On a simultaneous timetable, "Islands in the